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8/20/02**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Karen KETCHUM et al.

Art Unit: 1647

Serial No.: 09/829,432

Examiner: J. Seharaseyon

Filed: April 10, 2001

Atty. Docket: CL001013-CIP

For: ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

By Facsimile

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action from Examiner Seharaseyon mailed on June 18, 2002 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group I, claims 4-5, 8-11, and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups II-XI.

With respect to the sequence election requirement, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:2 for search. Applicants claim the genus of nucleic acids that encode SEQ ID NO:2 such as, for example, SEQ ID NO:1.

Please amend the application as follows: